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Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

Data for August 2006

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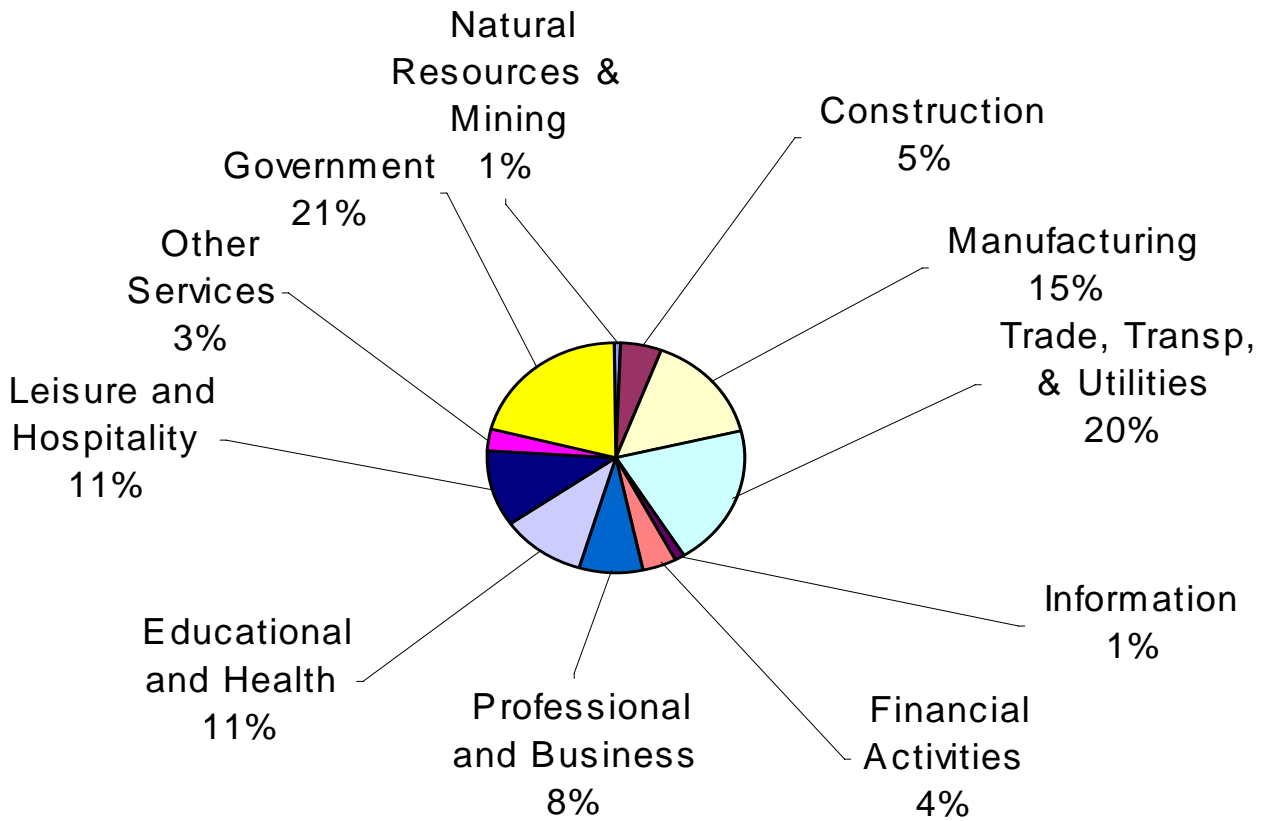
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Mississippi Nonfarm Employment

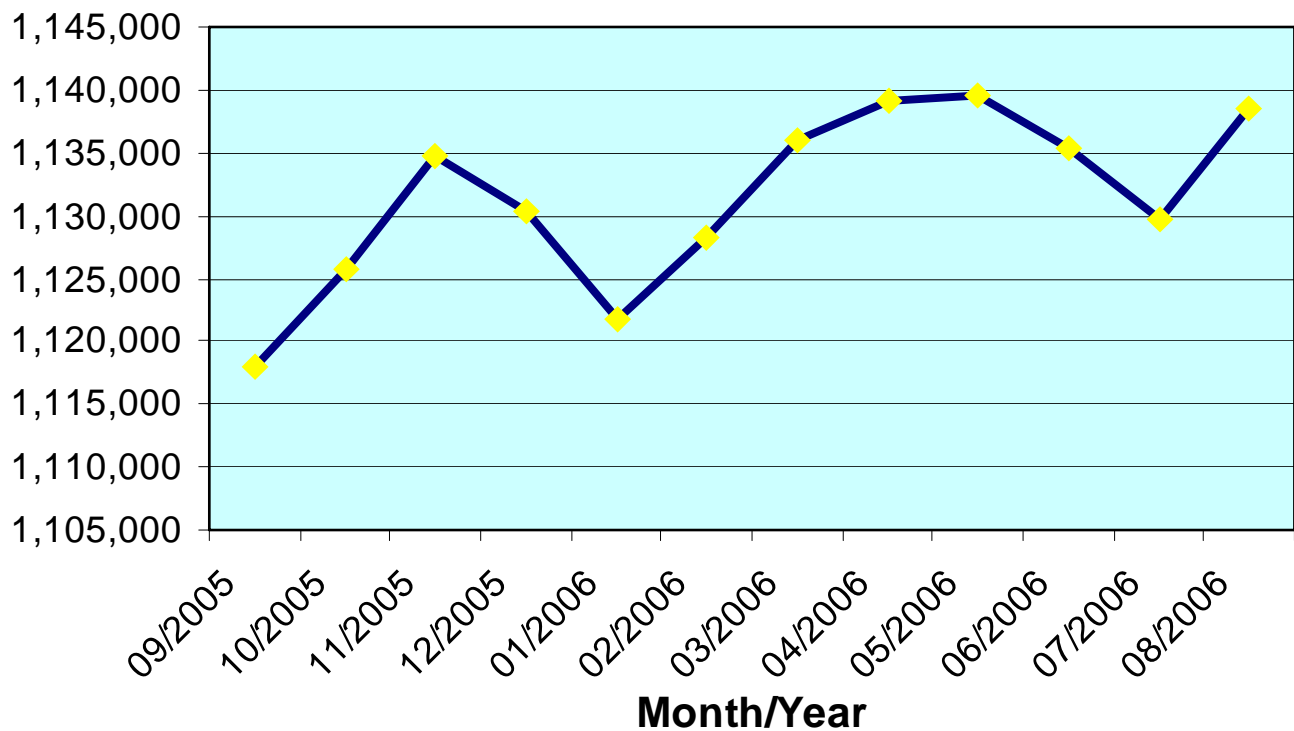
	Preliminary Aug 2006	Revised July 2006	Revised Aug 2005	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,138,600	1,129,800	1,134,600	8,800	0.8	4,000	0.4
Total Private	899,600	895,200	896,800	4,400	0.5	2,800	0.3
Goods Producing	242,800	242,600	239,400	200	0.1	3,400	1.4
Service Providing	895,800	887,200	895,200	8,600	1.0	600	0.1
Private Service Providing	656,800	652,600	657,400	4,200	0.6	(600)	(0.1)
Natural Resources & Mining	9,300	9,300	8,800	0	0.0	500	5.7
Construction	57,400	57,000	52,200	400	0.7	5,200	10.0
Manufacturing	176,100	176,300	178,400	(200)	(0.1)	(2,300)	(1.3)
Durable Goods	117,100	117,000	116,800	100	0.1	300	0.3
Wood Product Manufacturing	14,200	14,200	13,300	0	0.0	900	6.8
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	6,000	6,000	5,700	0	0.0	300	5.3
Fabricated Metals	11,200	11,000	10,700	200	1.8	500	4.7
Machinery Manufacturing	12,200	12,200	12,200	0	0.0	0	0.0
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	10,700	10,700	9,800	0	0.0	900	9.2
Electrical Equipment	5,600	5,500	4,900	100	1.8	700	14.3
Transportation Equipment	28,000	28,400	29,300	(400)	(1.4)	(1,300)	(4.4)
Motor Vehicle Parts	7,100	7,200	7,500	(100)	(1.4)	(400)	(5.3)
Ship & Boat Building	13,400	13,600	14,600	(200)	(1.5)	(1,200)	(8.2)
Furniture & Related	26,300	26,200	27,100	100	0.4	(800)	(3.0)
Nondurable Goods	59,000	59,300	61,600	(300)	(0.5)	(2,600)	(4.2)
Food Manufacturing	25,800	25,800	26,900	0	0.0	(1,100)	(4.1)
Animal Slaughtering	18,700	18,800	19,500	(100)	(0.5)	(800)	(4.1)
Paper Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0.0	0	0.0
Plastics & Rubber	8,400	8,500	9,200	(100)	(1.2)	(800)	(8.7)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	225,800	225,100	222,800	700	0.3	3,000	1.3
Wholesale Trade	34,900	35,000	35,700	(100)	(0.3)	(800)	(2.2)
Retail Trade	142,000	141,600	139,700	400	0.3	2,300	1.6
Food & Beverage Stores	18,000	18,000	18,800	0	0.0	(800)	(4.3)
Grocery Stores	16,300	16,300	16,900	0	0.0	(600)	(3.6)
General Merchandise	37,300	37,600	37,500	(300)	(0.8)	(200)	(0.5)
Department Stores	9,800	10,200	9,700	(400)	(3.9)	100	1.0
Other General Merchandise	27,500	27,400	27,800	100	0.4	(300)	(1.1)
Transportation, Warehouse, Utilities	48,900	48,500	47,400	400	0.8	1,500	3.2
Utilities	8,100	8,100	7,900	0	0.0	200	2.5
Electric Power Generation	5,800	5,800	5,600	0	0.0	200	3.6
Transportation & Warehousing	40,800	40,400	39,500	400	1.0	1,300	3.3
Warehousing & Storage	8,800	8,700	8,100	100	1.1	700	8.6
Information	13,700	13,700	14,300	0	0.0	(600)	(4.2)
Telecommunications	6,900	7,000	7,300	(100)	(1.4)	(400)	(5.5)
Financial Activities	46,200	46,400	46,700	(200)	(0.4)	(500)	(1.1)
Finance & Insurance	34,300	34,400	34,300	(100)	(0.3)	0	0.0
Credit Intermediation	21,100	21,200	21,200	(100)	(0.5)	(100)	(0.5)
Depository Credit Intermediation	15,300	15,400	15,200	(100)	(0.6)	100	0.7
Insurance Carriers	11,400	11,200	11,400	200	1.8	0	0.0
Real Estate & Rental	11,900	12,000	12,400	(100)	(0.8)	(500)	(4.0)
Professional & Business Services	90,000	90,400	87,100	(400)	(0.4)	2,900	3.3
Prof., Scient., Technical Services	32,700	33,000	31,100	(300)	(0.9)	1,600	5.1
Management of Companies	9,400	9,400	9,700	0	0.0	(300)	(3.1)
Admin Support & Waste Management	47,900	48,000	46,300	(100)	(0.2)	1,600	3.5
Educational & Health Services	122,200	120,100	119,800	2,100	1.7	2,400	2.0
Education Services	15,500	15,000	15,600	500	3.3	(100)	(0.6)
Health Care & Social Assistance	106,700	105,100	104,200	1,600	1.5	2,500	2.4
Hospitals	29,400	29,200	29,100	200	0.7	300	1.0
Nursing & Resident Care	22,300	22,400	22,000	(100)	(0.4)	300	1.4
Leisure & Hospitality	121,200	119,500	129,500	1,700	1.4	(8,300)	(6.4)
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	13,500	13,300	14,200	200	1.5	(700)	(4.9)
Amusements , Gambling, Recreation	11,900	11,900	13,300	0	0.0	(1,400)	(10.5)
Accommodation & Food Services	107,700	106,200	115,300	1,500	1.4	(7,600)	(6.6)
Accommodation	31,300	29,200	37,500	2,100	7.2	(6,200)	(16.5)
Food Services & Drinking	76,400	77,000	77,800	(600)	(0.8)	(1,400)	(1.8)
Other Services (Private)	37,700	37,400	37,200	300	0.8	500	1.3
Repair & Maintenance	9,700	9,900	9,400	(200)	(2.0)	300	3.2
Government	239,000	234,600	237,800	4,400	1.9	1,200	0.5
Federal	26,100	26,200	25,800	(100)	(0.4)	300	1.2
State	57,100	57,000	57,700	100	0.2	(600)	(1.0)
State Education	19,000	18,800	19,600	200	1.1	(600)	(3.1)
Local	155,800	151,400	154,300	4,400	2.9	1,500	1.0
Local Education	82,100	76,000	80,300	6,100	8.0	1,800	2.2

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Nonfarm Employment Mississippi - Aug 2006



Nonfarm Employment - Mississippi



Gulfport-Biloxi MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Hancock, Harrison & Stone Counties

	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Aug 2006	July 2006	Aug 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	98,300	95,300	116,400	3,000	3.1	(18,100)	(15.5)
Total Private	74,700	71,600	92,000	3,100	4.3	(17,300)	(18.8)
Goods Producing	11,900	11,900	11,600	0	0.0	300	2.6
Service Providing	86,400	83,400	104,800	3,000	3.6	(18,400)	(17.6)
Private Service Providing	62,800	59,700	80,400	3,100	5.2	(17,600)	(21.9)
Natural Resources & Construction	6,100	6,100	5,700	0	0.0	400	7.0
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	0.0	(100)	(1.7)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	16,700	16,300	20,800	400	2.5	(4,100)	(19.7)
Retail Trade	11,600	11,200	14,300	400	3.6	(2,700)	(18.9)
Leisure & Hospitality	19,500	17,500	30,500	2,000	11.4	(11,000)	(36.1)
Government	23,600	23,700	24,400	(100)	(0.4)	(800)	(3.3)
Federal	8,500	8,600	8,400	(100)	(1.2)	100	1.2
State	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	0.0	(100)	(4.3)
Local	12,900	12,900	13,700	0	0.0	(800)	(5.8)
Local Education	6,300	6,000	6,300	300	5.0	0	0.0

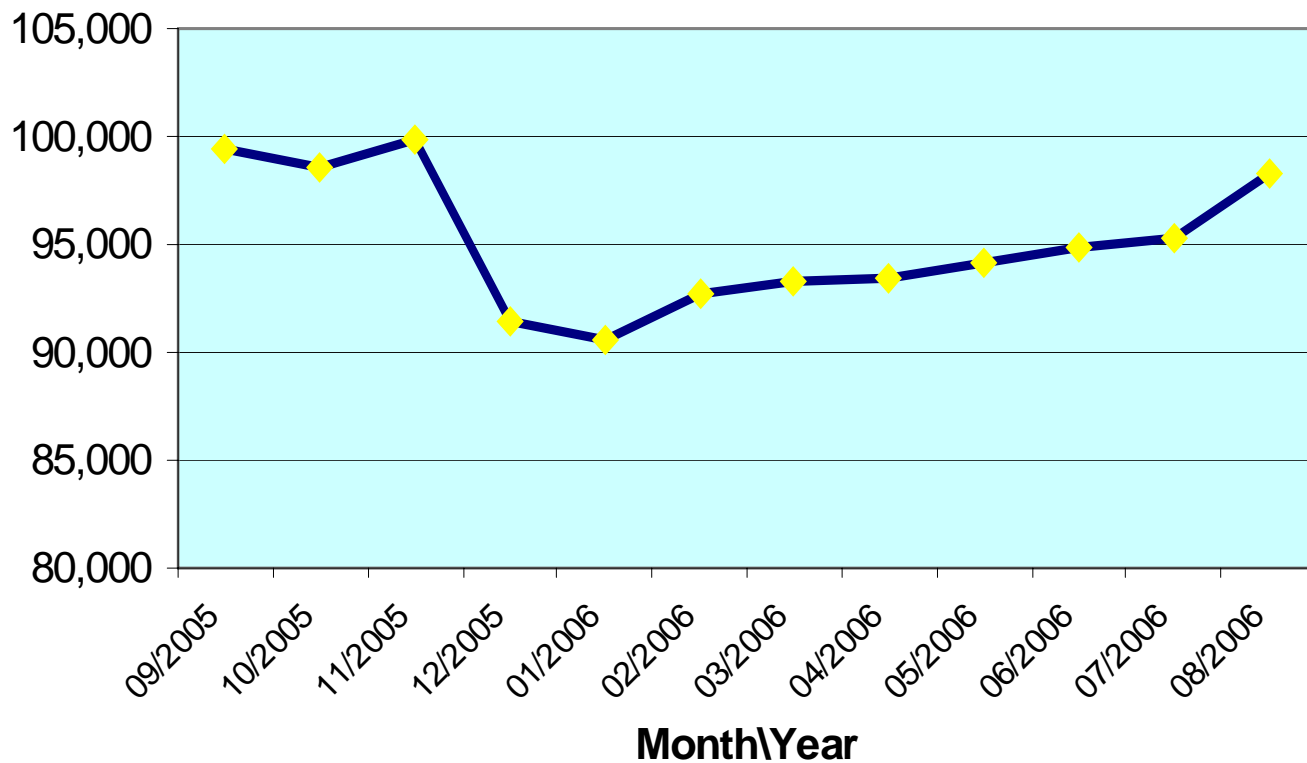
Hattiesburg MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Forrest, Lamar & Perry Counties

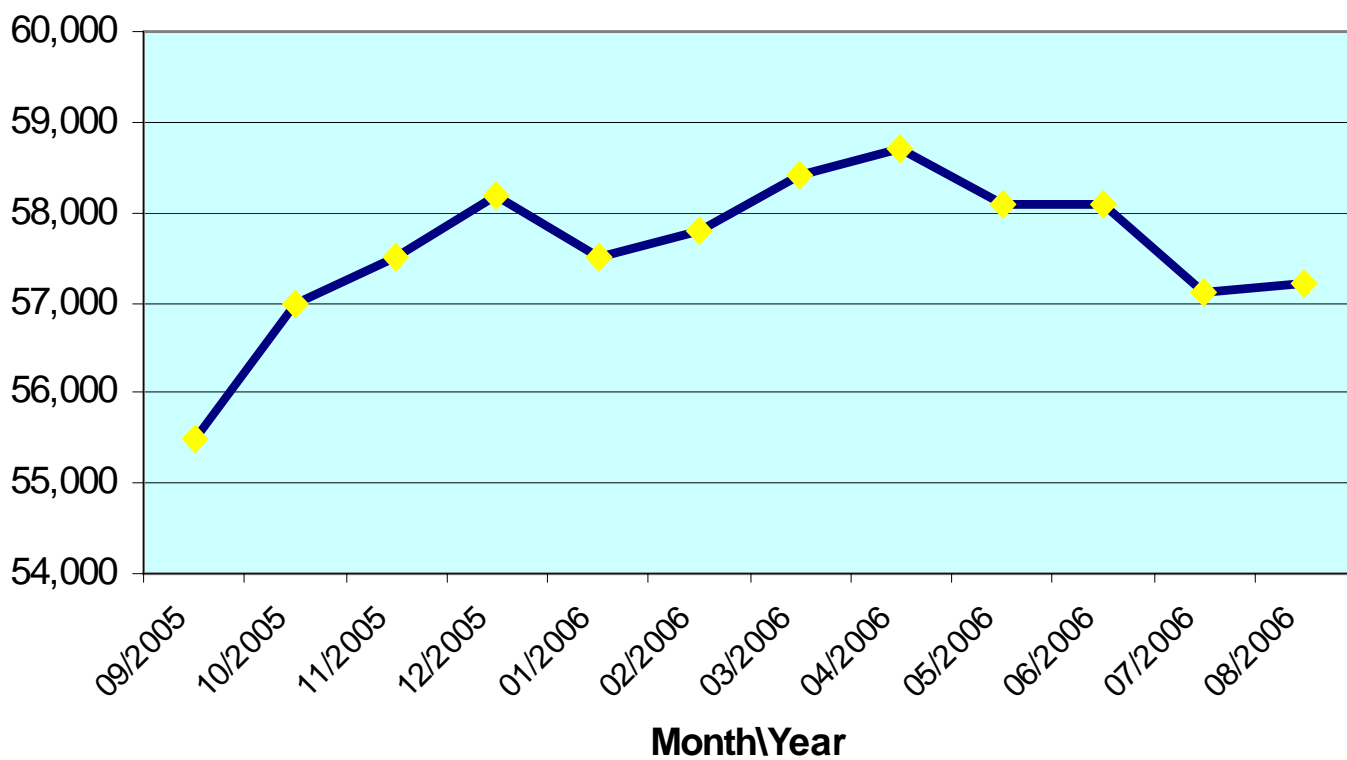
	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Aug 2006	July 2006	Aug 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	57,200	57,100	54,900	100	0.2	2,300	4.2
Total Private	43,500	43,700	41,300	(200)	(0.5)	2,200	5.3
Goods Producing	7,400	7,400	7,100	0	0.0	300	4.2
Service Providing	49,800	49,700	47,800	100	0.2	2,000	4.2
Private Service Providing	36,100	36,300	34,200	(200)	(0.6)	1,900	5.6
Manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	0.0	100	2.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,600	12,600	11,800	0	0.0	800	6.8
Retail Trade	8,800	8,700	8,400	100	1.1	400	4.8
Leisure & Hospitality	6,400	6,700	6,100	(300)	(4.5)	300	4.9
Government	13,700	13,400	13,600	300	2.2	100	0.7
Federal	700	700	700	0	0.0	0	0.0
State	3,500	3,600	3,700	(100)	(2.8)	(200)	(5.4)
Local	9,500	9,100	9,200	400	4.4	300	3.3
Local Education	3,400	3,000	3,400	400	13.3	0	0.0

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Nonfarm Employment - Gulfport Biloxi MSA



Nonfarm Employment - Hattiesburg MSA



Jackson MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin & Simpson Counties

	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Aug 2006	July 2006	Aug 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	259,800	259,500	255,300	300	0.1	4,500	1.8
Total Private	207,000	207,400	202,400	(400)	(0.2)	4,600	2.3
Goods Producing	36,500	36,700	35,200	(200)	(0.5)	1,300	3.7
Service Providing	223,300	222,800	220,100	500	0.2	3,200	1.5
Private Service Providing	170,500	170,700	167,200	(200)	(0.1)	3,300	2.0
Natural Resources & Mining	700	700	800	0	0.0	(100)	(12.5)
Construction	13,500	13,500	12,200	0	0.0	1,300	10.7
Manufacturing	22,300	22,500	22,200	(200)	(0.9)	100	0.5
Durable Goods	15,600	15,700	15,500	(100)	(0.6)	100	0.6
Transportation Equipment	8,200	8,200	7,900	0	0.0	300	3.8
Nondurable Goods	6,700	6,800	6,700	(100)	(1.5)	0	0.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	53,600	53,900	52,600	(300)	(0.6)	1,000	1.9
Wholesale Trade	11,700	11,800	11,600	(100)	(0.8)	100	0.9
Retail Trade	30,700	31,100	29,900	(400)	(1.3)	800	2.7
General Merchandise	7,500	7,600	7,600	(100)	(1.3)	(100)	(1.3)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	11,200	11,000	11,100	200	1.8	100	0.9
Information	4,300	4,300	4,700	0	0.0	(400)	(8.5)
Financial Activities	15,800	15,900	16,300	(100)	(0.6)	(500)	(3.1)
Finance & Insurance	12,600	12,600	12,600	0	0.0	0	0.0
Credit Intermediation	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	0.0	100	2.0
Professional & Business Services	29,900	29,600	28,400	300	1.0	1,500	5.3
Profess., Scientific, Technical Services	12,700	12,500	11,900	200	1.6	800	6.7
Management of Companies	3,800	3,900	3,900	(100)	(2.6)	(100)	(2.6)
Admin Support & Waste Management	13,400	13,200	12,600	200	1.5	800	6.3
Educational & Health Services	33,800	33,900	33,000	(100)	(0.3)	800	2.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	27,100	27,200	26,000	(100)	(0.4)	1,100	4.2
Hospitals	8,700	8,800	8,700	(100)	(1.1)	0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	23,200	23,100	22,100	100	0.4	1,100	5.0
Accommodation & Food Services	20,800	20,600	19,500	200	1.0	1,300	6.7
Other Services (Private)	9,900	10,000	10,100	(100)	(1.0)	(200)	(2.0)
Government	52,800	52,100	52,900	700	1.3	(100)	(0.2)
Federal	5,600	5,600	5,400	0	0.0	200	3.7
State	24,400	24,500	25,200	(100)	(0.4)	(800)	(3.2)
State Education	5,300	5,400	6,100	(100)	(1.9)	(800)	(13.1)
Local	22,800	22,000	22,300	800	3.6	500	2.2
Local Education	14,100	13,000	13,800	1,100	8.5	300	2.2

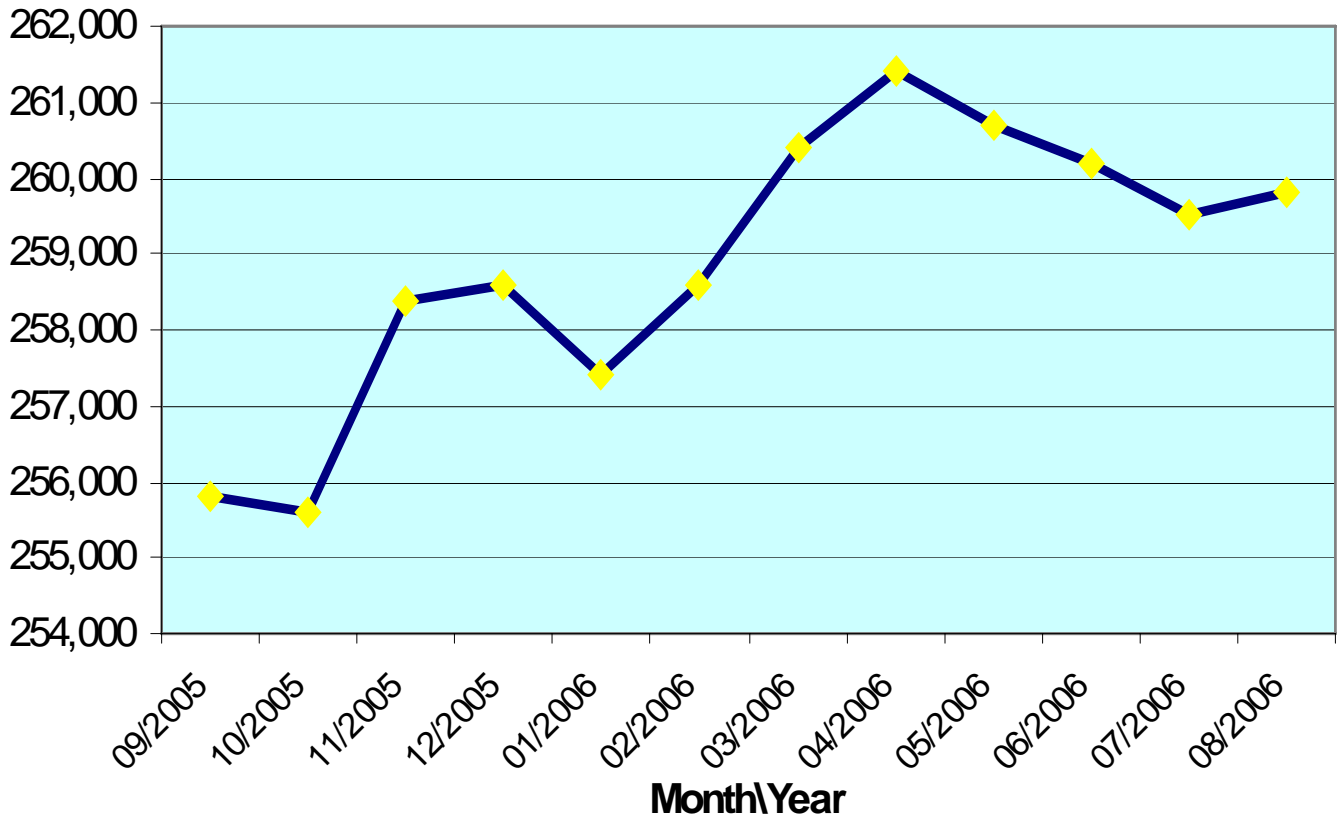
Pascagoula MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Jackson & George Counties

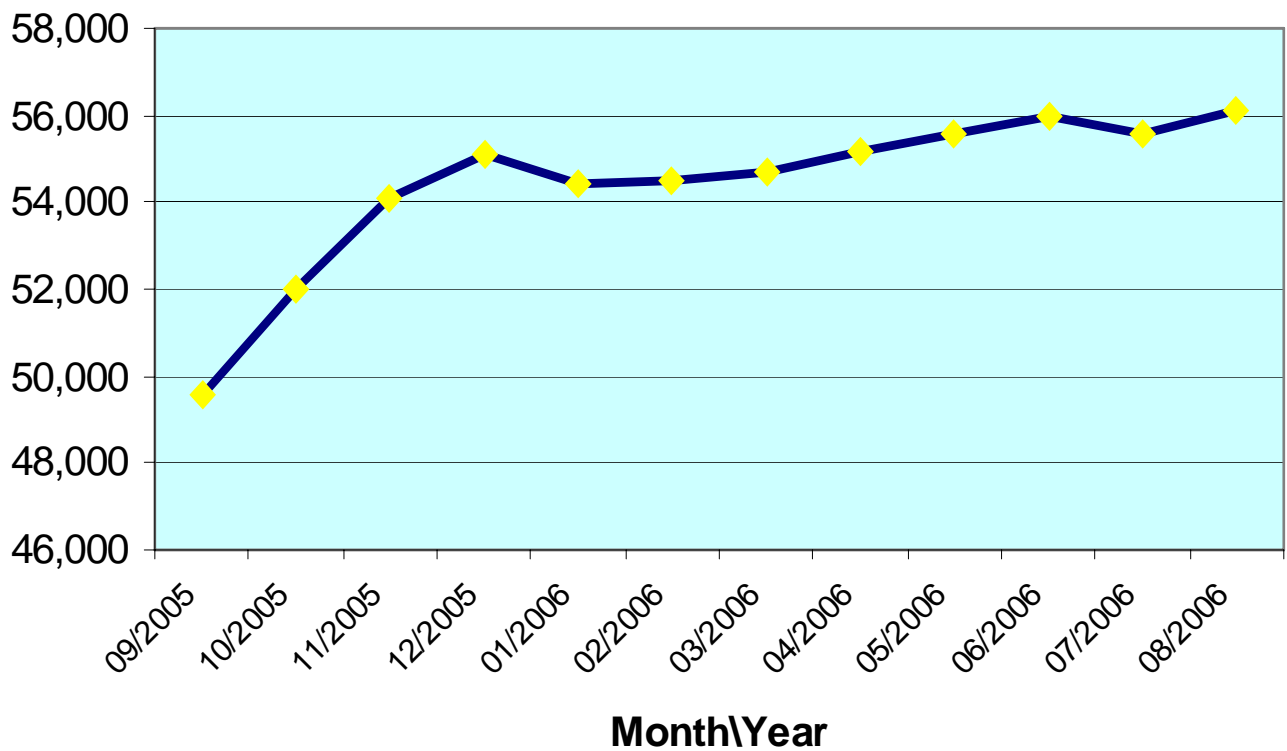
	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Aug 2006	July 2006	Aug 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	56,100	55,600	56,100	500	0.9	0	0.0
Total Private	45,400	45,400	45,200	0	0.0	200	0.4
Goods Producing	17,900	18,000	19,000	(100)	(0.6)	(1,100)	(5.8)
Service Producing	38,200	37,600	37,100	600	1.6	1,100	3.0
Private Service Providing	27,500	27,400	26,200	100	0.4	1,300	5.0
Natural Resources & Construction	2,800	2,800	2,500	0	0.0	300	12.0
Manufacturing	15,100	15,200	16,500	(100)	(0.7)	(1,400)	(8.5)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	9,100	9,200	8,500	(100)	(1.1)	600	7.1
Retail Trade	6,300	6,400	6,100	(100)	(1.6)	200	3.3
Government	10,700	10,200	10,900	500	4.9	(200)	(1.8)
Federal	800	800	800	0	0.0	0	0.0
State	400	400	500	0	0.0	(100)	(20.0)
Local	9,500	9,000	9,600	500	5.6	(100)	(1.0)
Local Education	4,500	3,800	4,500	700	18.4	0	0.0

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Nonfarm Employment - Jackson MSA



Nonfarm Employment - Pascagoula MSA



Average Hours & Earnings

Data are for production workers only

Mississippi

Manufacturing
Durable Goods
Wood Products
Fabricated Metals
Machinery
Furniture
Nondurable Goods
Food Products

Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
Aug 06	Jul 06	Aug 05	Aug 06	Jul 06	Aug 05	Aug 06	Jul 06	Aug 05
\$541.73	\$539.75	\$560.52	39.6	39.6	40.5	\$13.68	\$13.63	\$13.84
\$572.40	\$564.76	\$600.98	40.0	39.8	40.8	\$14.31	\$14.19	\$14.73
\$520.38	\$502.55	\$448.45	44.1	44.2	41.6	\$11.80	\$11.37	\$10.78
\$581.09	\$567.64	\$560.74	42.2	41.8	40.9	\$13.77	\$13.58	\$13.71
\$624.54	\$600.40	\$623.90	40.9	40.0	42.5	\$15.27	\$15.01	\$14.68
\$479.31	\$443.81	\$462.26	37.3	34.7	37.4	\$12.85	\$12.79	\$12.36
\$488.28	\$495.57	\$489.20	39.0	39.3	40.0	\$12.52	\$12.61	\$12.23
\$372.10	\$378.46	\$394.29	38.4	38.5	39.0	\$9.69	\$9.83	\$10.11

Jackson MSA Manufacturing

\$592.71	\$611.98	\$628.45	35.9	36.8	39.7	\$16.51	\$16.63	\$15.83
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Comparative Labor Force Data

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Mississippi

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

Aug 2006	Jul 2006	Aug 2005	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
			Net	Pct	Net	Pct
1,311,500	1,336,100	1,352,600	(24,600)	(1.8)	(41,100)	(3.0)
94,500	111,500	100,600	(17,000)	(15.2)	(6,100)	(6.1)
7.2%	8.3%	7.4%	(1.1)	xxx	(0.2)	xxx
1,217,000	1,224,600	1,252,000	(7,600)	(0.6)	(35,000)	(2.8)

Gulfport-Biloxi MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

Aug 2006	Jul 2006	Aug 2005	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
			Net	Pct	Net	Pct
108,200	107,780	125,500	420	0.4	(17,300)	(13.8)
10,360	12,560	7,460	(2,200)	(17.5)	2,900	38.9
9.6%	11.7%	5.9%	(2.1)	xxx	3.7	xxx
97,840	95,220	118,040	2,620	2.8	(20,200)	(17.1)

Hattiesburg MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

Aug 2006	Jul 2006	Aug 2005	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
			Net	Pct	Net	Pct
63,950	65,420	64,020	(1,470)	(2.2)	(70)	(0.1)
3,560	4,020	4,330	(460)	(11.4)	(770)	(17.8)
5.6%	6.1%	6.8%	(0.5)	xxx	(1.2)	xxx
60,390	61,400	59,690	(1,010)	(1.6)	700	1.2

Jackson MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

Aug 2006	Jul 2006	Aug 2005	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
			Net	Pct	Net	Pct
266,100	272,430	270,150	(6,330)	(2.3)	(4,050)	(1.5)
14,380	17,590	16,610	(3,210)	(18.2)	(2,230)	(13.4)
5.4%	6.5%	6.1%	(1.1)	xxx	(0.7)	xxx
251,720	254,840	253,540	(3,120)	(1.2)	(1,820)	(0.7)

Pascagoula MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

Aug 2006	Jul 2006	Aug 2005	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
			Net	Pct	Net	Pct
69,260	70,330	72,720	(1,070)	(1.5)	(3,460)	(4.8)
5,500	6,600	5,020	(1,100)	(16.7)	480	9.6
7.9%	9.4%	6.9%	(1.5)	xxx	1.0	xxx
63,760	63,730	67,700	30	0.0	(3,940)	(5.8)

Unemployment Claims Data

	Current	Previous	Year Ago	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Aug 06	Jul 06	Aug 05	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Initial UI Claims	9,930	11,698	9,293	(1,768)	(15.1)	637	6.9
Continued Claims	77,859	107,341	90,419	(29,482)	(27.5)	(12,560)	(13.9)
Benefits Paid	\$12,777,913	\$12,187,591	\$10,326,276	\$590,322	4.8	\$2,451,637	23.7
Weeks Paid	75,922	71,139	63,366	4,783	6.7	12,556	19.8
First Payments	4,815	6,136	4,374	(1,321)	(21.5)	441	10.1
Final Payments	1,577	1,520	1,276	57	3.8	301	23.6
Avg. Weekly Benefit	\$168.30	\$171.32	\$162.96	(\$3.02)	(1.8)	\$5.34	3.3

Consumer Price Index

	Current	Previous	Year Ago	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Aug 06	Jul 06	Aug 05	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
All Items (1982-84= 100)	203.9	203.5	196.4	0.4	0.2	7.5	3.8
Food & Beverages	196.0	195.6	191.3	0.4	0.2	4.7	2.5
Housing	205.1	204.7	196.9	0.4	0.2	8.2	4.2
Shelter	234.2	233.6	225.6	0.6	0.3	8.6	3.8
Rent of primary residence	226.2	225.2	218.0	1.0	0.4	8.2	3.8
Apparel	116.1	113.8	115.8	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3
Transportation	188.5	189.0	177.7	(0.5)	(0.3)	10.8	6.1
Medical Care	337.7	337.0	323.9	0.7	0.2	13.8	4.3
Recreation *	111.3	111.3	109.3	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.8
Education & Communications *	117.5	116.3	113.7	1.2	1.0	3.8	3.3
Other Goods & Services	321.7	321.2	314.4	0.5	0.2	7.3	2.3

Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (W)

	Current	Previous	Year Ago	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Aug 06	Jul 06	Aug 05	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
All Items (1982-84= 100)	199.6	199.2	192.1	0.4	0.2	7.5	3.9
Food & Beverages	195.2	194.6	190.6	0.6	0.3	4.6	2.4
Housing	200.3	199.7	192.3	0.6	0.3	8.0	4.2
Shelter	226.5	225.8	218.5	0.7	0.3	8.0	3.7
Rent of primary residence	225.3	224.3	217.1	1.0	0.4	8.2	3.8
Apparel	115.7	113.2	115.5	2.5	2.2	0.2	0.2
Transportation	188.6	189.0	177.1	(0.4)	(0.2)	11.5	6.5
Medical Care	337.3	336.5	323.5	0.8	0.2	13.8	4.3
Recreation *	108.5	108.7	106.8	(0.2)	(0.2)	1.7	1.6
Education & Communications *	114.5	113.5	111.1	1.0	0.9	3.4	3.1
Other Goods & Services	331.0	330.7	323.6	0.3	0.1	7.4	2.3

* Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base

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